



PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 053847-5002

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Masami MASUKO	)	Confirmation No.: 4923
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Application No.: 10/618,706	)	Group Art Unit: 1753
	)	
Filed: July 15, 2003	)	Examiner: Unassigned
	)	
For: WHETSTONE PELLET, WHETSTONE,	)	
PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING THEM,	)	
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICAL	)	
ELEMENT USING WHETSTONE, AND	)	
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING EXPOSURE)	)	
APPARATUS	)	

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend  
the application as follows: